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# DCYF's Early Learning Division Structure

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Overview and Q&A

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# Topics

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- Overview of Early Learning Division
- Division Areas
- Team Name Survey
- Q&A

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Effective October 16, 2022, DCYF's **Early Learning Division** has a new organizational structure with **four key areas**. The change will help our staff and ensure children, families, and providers get what they need when they need it, with more clarity and fewer barriers.

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### Child & Family Access

Brings together child and family facing programs, to improve the experience for children and families, including but not limited to early learning settings, eligibility and enrollment processes.



### New Name Coming Soon!

Brings together systems and services around quality, teaching and learning, workforce data, and other supports for providers, business owners, and families.



### Early Learning Division

### Operations & Provider Supports

Brings together daily operations to help minimize duplication and increase efficiency as a division.

(ex: HR, Finance, Facilities, Safety, Communications, Contracts).



### Federal Initiatives & Collaborations

Brings together cross-sector and cross-agency collaborations, and coordination with our federal partners to strengthen our early learning system.



# Early Learning Division Teams



Team	Purpose	Projects/Initiatives
<b>Operations &amp; Provider Supports</b>	Brings together daily operations to help minimize duplication and increase efficiency as a division (ex: HR, Finance, Facilities, Safety, Communications, Contracts).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Provider grants</li> <li>- Provider payment systems and needs</li> <li>- Health care benefits eligibility and opportunities</li> <li>- Streamlines management of the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) with the licensed family child care union</li> </ul>
<b>Child &amp; Family Access</b>	Brings together child and family facing programs, to improve the experiences for children and families, including but not limited to early learning settings, and eligibility and enrollment processes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Child Care Subsidy</li> <li>- ECEAP/Early ECEAP</li> <li>- ECLIPSE</li> </ul>
<b>Federal Initiatives &amp; Collaboration</b>	Brings together cross-sector and cross-agency collaborations, and coordination with our federal partners to strengthen our early learning system.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Child Care Development Fund</li> <li>- Head Start Collaboration Office</li> <li>- Preschool Development Grant</li> </ul>
<b>TBD (new name coming soon!)</b>	Brings together systems and services around quality, teaching and learning, workforce data, and other supports for providers, business owners, and families.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Early Achievers</li> <li>- MERIT</li> <li>- Professional Development</li> <li>- Workforce Development</li> <li>- Early Learning System Navigators</li> <li>- Infant &amp; Early Childhood Mental Health</li> <li>- Child Care Business Supports</li> <li>- Electronic Attendance</li> <li>- Language Access</li> <li>- Trauma-Informed Care</li> </ul>

# Creating a New Team Identity!

A new unit came together!

The teams that were previously named **Professional Development** and **Early Achievers** are now united and looking for a new team name. Their team put together some options and would love to hear from you.

Click on the link in the chat to tell us what you think!

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# DISCUSSION

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Questions for us?